

Committee Minutes

FOR THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE'S
"Special Events" 2025 Committee
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS
For November 11, 2025 (7:00 PM)

CHAIRMAN HASTINGS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT: at 7:16pm

ROLL CALL: CHAIRPERSON HASTINGS II [P]

Members: Mayor Hastings [E] Tuma [P] Klukis [A] O'Neill [P] Roti [P]
Schmidt [P] Kissane [A] Morrison [P] Petrey [P] Iannantone [P]
Blaha [P] Hanley [P] Haleem [P] Leddin [A] Rediger [P]
Kaslewicz [P] Kowalski [A]

1.) A motion to approve the Committee Minutes dated October 7, 2025 as presented.
M_K2__ 2nd__ TR__ CH Hastings II __Y__ Mayor Hastings __E__ Tuma __Y__
Klukis __A__ Kissane __A__ O'Neill __Y__ Roti __Y__ Schmidt __Y__ Morrison __Y__
Petrey __Y__ Iannantone __Y__ Hanley __Y__ Blaha __Y__ Haleem __Y__ Rediger __Y__
Kaslewicz __Y__ Leddin __A__

2. Discussion on Party in the Park 2026:

Estimated Entertainment Schedule – Costs/Contracts

Total Entertainment Cost = \$36,800.00

KC Audio has a new stage now.

Committee was good with this

A Zoo to You Contract same price as this year; committee was good to move forward

Would like to bring back Crosstown Exotics as well; committee was good to move forward.

Vince would like to help out again with the Car Show and he has a sponsor as well Duke's as long as we have a food spot; committee was good with this if they wanted to be the sponsor and have a food space in the parking lot the day of the event.

Committee would like to see "Family" Olympics and we can discuss more at the January committee meeting.

3. Discussion on Upcoming Events:

Halloween Events Recap:

This went well – need to revamp similar to Winter Wonderland; expand on it with Haunted Lake Lorin with hay rides, etc. or maybe adding another 5K.

Annual Turkey Trot Recap:

Event went well and everyone loved their sweatshirts.

Holiday Happenings Reminders:

Santa Comes to Town (12/6/25)

Danny was able to find another company in addition to Forestview to have a second carriage go out. Forestview is \$1,119 from 10:30a-2:30p. Antique Coach and Carriage out of Homer is \$1,000 for the first hour and an additional \$250 per hour after they would do 2:30p until finished. Antique Coach will have two horses in case needed. The route would be split (north and south). Committee discussed the potential of amending the route instead.

Winter Wonderland (12/6/25)

We are all set. Do we want to do artificial or real trees for the community to decorate and how many to start? Committee decided artificial but see the response we receive; need to advertise soon.

Parade (12/12,12/13, & 12/14) – we are ready. Need to have real live updates on where the parade is heading.

Polar Express (Metra) (12/13/25)

Of course, once again Metra is having their “Holiday Train” on the same day as our Polar Express – they leave 20 minutes after us so hopefully there’s no confusion. We are looking into lit up garland to hang above the aisle. Playing music to go with the theme of the train. It was discussed for staff to be taken to the LaSalle Street station to have more time to decorate the train. Biggest complaint last year was the seating and cars weren’t assigned; we are looking into how make this a better transition for everyone. We can discuss further at next committee meeting in December.

Breakfast with Santa (12/20/25)

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, November 19th and we are all set; with Santa and the Grinch, etc.

4. Other – Miscellaneous:

5.) A motion to adjourn at [7:48] o'clock p.m.

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Petrey _Y___ Iannantone _Y___ Hanley __Y__ Blaha _Y___ Haleem __Y__
Leddin __A__ Rediger _Y___ Kaslewicz _Y___